Safai Karamcharies 1994-95 have recommended the following:—

(1) to clarify the definition of Scavengers to all State Govts/U.T. Administration for better coverage of the Rehabilitation programme for the Scavengers.

(2) to adopt a cluster approach in the training and rehabilitation programme.

(3) More Public and Private bodies be involved for imparting training under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents. Wherever requisite training facilities are available with Government Organisations such facilities be fully utilised.

(4) sanctioning of project costs should be properly implemented i.e. upto Rs. 50,000/-.

(5) to take measures to avoid delay on part of Central Government in release of funds to the State Governments.

(6) to streamline disbursement of loans by Banks.

(7) to form group projects or registered coopeative society of Safai Karamcharies which could be rendered assistance.

(8) betterment of service conditions for Safai Karamcharies by State Govts./U.T. Administration.

(9) speeding up of conversion of dry latrines into low cost water borne flush latrines by Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment.

(10) better education opportunities for the students belonging to Safai Karamcharies.

Educated Unemployed Youth in Urban Areas

2188. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of educated unemployed youths in urban areas is increasing in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether in view of the economic liberalisation Government propose to take up the matter with private sector to create further employment opportunities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The number of educated (Matric & above) Job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the live register of employment exchanges in the country has shown a marginal increase during the period 1991—1993 (latest available).

(b) and (c) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan envisages a strategy for accelerated growth of productive employment opportunities in the country, based on faster growth of employment intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities which would generate additional employment opportunities both in public and private sectors of the economy.

Food stock with FCI

2189. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether food stock with the FCI has fallen and what are the details of the stock for the last 3 years;

(b) whether the off-take of the wheat and rice is reduced;

(c) if so, the reason, therefor; and

(d) the details of the supply of rice, wheat and sugar to Kerala for the distribution through PDS for the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool continues to be comfortable and above the minimum level prescribed as per the buffer norms. The Stock position of foodgrains (Wheat and Rice) as on Ist July during the last 3 years against the